Sanction of old age Pension in Belgaum District

1083. SHRI P. P. HEGDE (Chikkodi).—Will the Minister for Finance and Tourism be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the total number of persons to whom old age pension has been sanctioned till February 1980 in Belgaum District. (Taluk-wise figures) ;

(*b*) the total number of persons to whom old age pension has been granted from February, 1980 up-to-date ;

(*c*) out of these, the number of persons belonging to SCs and STs ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance and Tourism).—

(*a*) —

Talukwise figures ars as follows.—

1	Belgaum	...	1,497
2	Khanapur	...	845
3	Athani	...	1,270
4	Chikkodi	...	874
5	Bailahongal	...	2,060
6	Soundatti	...	1,331
7	Ramdurg	...	1,450
8	Raibag	...	446
9	Hukkeri	...	665
10	Gokak	...	1,916
	Total	...	12,354

(*b*) —

6,210 (till 31-3-1982).

Talukwise figures are as follows.—

1	Belgaum	...	918
2	Khanapur		505
3	Athani	...	335
4	Chikkodi	...	501
5	Bailahongal	...	898
6	Soundatti	...	535
7	Ramdurg	...	528
8	Hukkeri	...	907
9	Raibag	...	307
10	Gokak	...	776
	Total	...	6,210

(c) —

SCs	...	2,364
STs	...	71

Talukwise figures are as follows.—

		SCs	STs
1	Belgaum ...	430	...
2	Khanapur ...	164	...
3	Athani ...	250	...
4	Chikkodi ...	114	...
5	Bai ahongal ...	330	...
6	Soundatti ...	264	27
7	Ramdurg ...	178	34
8	Hukkeri ...	196	...
9	Raibag ...	237	4
10	Gokak ...	201	6
	Total ...	2,364	71

Calling Attention to a matter of urgent Public Importance

re : Hunger strike started by Sri Pampapathy, Member, Legislative Assembly.

SRI B. V. KAKKILAYA —Sir, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the hunger strike started by Sri Pampapathy, Member, Legislative Assembly, to press for the reinstatement of 200 arrack vendors by the contractors in Bangalore city.

SRI R. GUNDURAO (Chief Minister). —Sir, I wish to make the following statement.

Every year right of retail vendig of Arrack is disposed off by public auction. For the excise year 1982-83 starting from 1st July 1982, the right has been confirmed in favour of Laxmi Enterprises, the highest bidders. Last year the contractors were Bhargavi and Company. The lease is valied for a period of one year.

2. The contractors enter into arrangement with ven ors to run individual shops on commission basis. Every year with starting of new lease contractors enter into arrangements with the vendors. Number of vendors depends upon the requirement of the contractor. This is a private arrangement between contractors and vendors and Government is not in picture.